

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JOHN ESP, on January 7, 2009 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Esp, Chairman (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 57, 1/5/2009; SB 58, 1/5/2009

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 57

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:14 SEN. KIM GILLAN (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on
SB 57, Revise laws governing special districts.

[EXHIBIT\(los03a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los03a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:36 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of
Counties (MACo)
00:27:46 Sheryl Wood, also speaking for the Treasurers'
Association
00:27:55 Bob Gilbert, representing the cities of Roundup and
Glendive, and the county of Rosebud
00:28:16 Gordon Morris, representing Lewis and Clark County,
and Urban Counties
00:32:46 Alec Hanson, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLOCT)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:34:14 Richard Van Auken, Teton County Fire Chief
00:37:20 Bob Olsen, representing Montana Hospital Association

Informational Testimony:

00:44:08 Alan Peura, Deputy Director, Montana Department of
Revenue (DOR)
00:45:53 Jeff Brandt, Information Technology, Department of
Administration (DOA)

[EXHIBIT\(los03a03\)](#)

00:46:33 Hope Stockwell, Research Analyst, Legislative Services
Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:08 Sen. Barkus
00:52:04 Alan Peura
00:52:30 Sen. Erickson
00:53:27 Sen. Gillan
00:54:21 Hope Stockwell

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:18 Rep. Kim Gillan

HEARING ON SB 58

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:24 **SEN. KIM GILLAN (D)**, SD 24, opened the hearing on
SB 58, Revise local government laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:36 Alec Hanson, MLOCT
01:02:28 Gordon Morris, representing Lewis & Clark County
01:03:46 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, MACo
01:04:00 Bob Gilbert, representing the cities of Glendive and
Roundup
01:05:13 Steve Yeakel, representing Montana Independent Bankers'
Association
01:05:37 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers' Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:06:47 None

Informational Testimony:

01:06:53 Alan Peura, Deputy Director, DOR
01:08:04 Jeff Brandt, Information Technology Services, DOA
01:09:00 Hope Stockwell

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:04 Chairman Esp
01:11:34 Alan Peura
01:12:25 Chairman Esp
01:12:36 Jeff Brandt
01:13:12 Sen. Essmann
01:13:54 Steve Turkiewicz
01:14:27 Leanne Heisel
01:14:52 Sen. Barkus
01:15:07 Steve Turkiewicz

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:25 Sen. Kim Gillan

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:25 P.M.

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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